



Cheryl (Cheri) Nolan

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Biography

Cheri Nolan has a long and distinguished career in the criminal justice field serving four Attorneys General and three Presidents most currently as Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Justice Programs. She was appointed to this position in July 2001.

Prior to returning to the Justice Department, Ms. Nolan was affiliated for several years with the television show *America's Most Wanted*. There she continued the work she began at the Justice Department working with state and local law enforcement, elected officials and crime victims as executive assistant to John Walsh, the host of the program.

Her extensive work in the justice field was preceded by distinguished service on the White House staff of President Ronald Reagan and in various Cabinet agencies including the Departments of Commerce, Energy and Treasury. Cheri joined the Justice Department for the first time in 1987 on a temporary assignment for then Attorney General Edwin Meese. That temporary assignment turned to a permanent one as Deputy Director of the Office of Liaison Services for two succeeding attorneys general: Dick Thornburgh and William P. Barr. In that capacity she was involved in some of the most important judicial and legislative battles on crime issues of the late 1980's and early 1990's.

Ms. Nolan's current responsibilities in the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) include oversight of the National Institute of Justice, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and the Office for Victims of Crime. In addition, she has led the development and release of the current government-wide initiative to help reduce recidivism, entitled *The Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative*. OJP is comprised of five program bureaus and various program and administrative offices, which provide federal leadership in developing the nation's capacity to prevent and control crime, administer justice, and assist crime victims.